

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 9:30:21 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 9:31:46 a.m. until 12 noon, on Tuesday, December 27, 2011.

House Passed Version of Two Month Payroll—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the House passes, and sends to the Senate, a bill which is identical to the text which is at the desk—a two month extension of the reduced payroll tax, unemployment insurance, TANF, and the Medicare payment fix—the bill be considered read three times and passed; the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, provided further, that the Senate having received a message from the House requesting a conference with respect to H.R. 3630, the Senate insisted on its amendment, and agreed to the

request for a conference, and the Chair was authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate with a ratio of 4 to 3; that if the House does not act by January 1, 2012, with respect to passage of a bill providing the two month extension, the Senate action with respect to as conference on H.R. 3630, be vitiated. **Page S8789**

Subsequently, the bill (H.R. 3765, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline) was received from the House, read three times, and passed by the Senate.

Messages from the House:

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Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 3765–3767, were introduced. **Page H10026**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H10027**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed on December 22, 2011 as follows:

Second Semiannual Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and the Workforce During the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–338);

Second Semiannual Report on the Activity of the Committee on Small Business During the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–339);

Second Semiannual Report on the Activity of the Committee on Agriculture During the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–340); and

Second Semiannual Report of the Activities of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs During the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–341).

Reports were filed today as follows:

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H.R. 1173, to repeal the CLASS program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–342 Pt. 1);

H.R. 2682, to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–343 Pt. 1);

H.R. 2779, to exempt inter-affiliate swaps from certain regulatory requirements put in place by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–344 Pt. 1);

H.R. 2586, to refine the definition of swap execution facility in the provisions regulating swap markets added by title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–345 Pt. 1);

Second Semiannual Report of the Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources During the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–346);

Second Semiannual Report of Activities of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology for the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–347),

Second Semiannual Report of the Activities of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–348); and

Second Semiannual Report of the Activities of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform for the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–349).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rev. Patrick Riffle, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington DC.

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Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011: The House agreed by unanimous consent to pass H.R. 3765, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, and provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline.

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United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Reappointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she reappointed the following individuals to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew of

Washington, DC and Mr. Jeffrey L. Fiedler of Great Falls, VA.

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Additional conferees: The Speaker appointed the following additional conferees on H.R. 3630, Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011: Representatives Levin, Becerra, Van Hollen, Schwartz, and Waxman.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.